

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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DECREASE IN BUDGET ESTIMATE
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the decrease in Budget Estimate 2005-06 of the Ministry as compared to Budget Estimate 2004-05;
- (b) whether the large scale unutilized amount and the subsequent surrender of amount are due to the unrealistic assessment of the various ongoing projects/schemes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to spend Rs.1989.62 crores provided for Urban Renewal Sub-Mission for slum development during the year 2005-06 itself when the scheme has not been approved/or likely approved by the Cabinet and its guidelines are still under finalisation; and
- (e) if so, the strategies evolved for optimum utilisation of resources and getting more resources to finance schemes for employment and poverty alleviation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA)

(a): The decrease in Budget Estimates 2005-06 of the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation was primarily due to the following reasons:

(i) During the year 2004-05 an amount of Rs.225 crore was allocated as equity contribution to Housing Urban Development Corporation. As Housing Urban Development Corporation was conferred 'Mini-Ratna' status in August 2004, no budgetary support for equity contribution to Housing Urban Development Corporation was provided in the budget of 2005-06.

(ii) During 2004-05, a sum of Rs.75 crore was earmarked for slum improvement in Dharavi. On rationalization / review of plan schemes, this scheme was discontinued and no provision for this scheme was made for the year 2005-06.

(iii) The National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers having a provision of Rs.20.00 crore in 2004-05 but no provision was made for this scheme in the budget estimates for 2005-06.

(b)&(c): No, Sir, in view of (a) above.

(d)&(e): The Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched recently on 3rd December 2005 and the guidelines for the Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) under the Mission have also been finalized and approved by the Government.

Strategies that have been evolved for optimum utilisation of available resources, including leverage to more resources, inter alia include Integrated development of slums through projects on shelter and basic services to the urban poor; financing land component for requisition of private land for projects in the North-Eastern Region (NER) and hilly States; National Steering Group at Minister level to steer the Mission; Dedicated directorate in the Ministry for implementation in Mission mode; State Level Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister/State Minister for UD/Housing and concerned Secretary (UD)/LSG/MA as Member-Secretary to decide and prioritize the projects for inclusion in the Mission; and Technical Advisory Group at Ministry level as an interface between Central and State level Committees; preparation of City Development Plans (CDP) and Detailed Project Reports (DPR) as pre-requisites for funding of projects under the Mission etc.

